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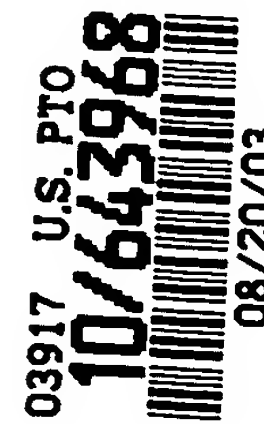
**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Henrique Soares CERQUEIRA, Claudia Maria de Lacerda  
Alvarenga BAPTISTA, and Jose Mozart FUSCO  
STRIPPING APPARATUS AND PROCESS  
Assignee: **PETROLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. - PETROBRAS**  
Our Ref. Q76952



Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 21 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 3 sheets of drawings, an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also attached are a Preliminary Amendment and an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The Government filing fee, after entry of the Preliminary Amendment, is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>40</u>	-	20	=	<u>20</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$360.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>2</u>	-	3	=		x	\$84.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$750.00</u>

<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>	<b>\$1110.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b>\$1150.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1110.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,  
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